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Idaho Milk Production Up 3.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2010 totaled 1.03 billion pounds, a 3.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 1.6 percent from March 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average milk production per cow in April 2010 was 1,850 pounds, up 50 pounds from April 2009. The average number of milk cows during April was 554,000 head, up 3,000 from April 2009, but unchanged from March 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2009. March revised production at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from March 2009. The March revision represented an increase of 9 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,823 pounds for April, 63 pounds above April 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.33 million head, 155,000 head less than April 2009, but 3,000 head more than March 2010.